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H.B. No. 1495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to authorization for the creation of a county ethics
3 commission in certain counties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 161.001, Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 161.001. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter
8 applies only to:

9 (1) a county that:

10 (A) [~~(1)~~] has a population of 800,000 or more;

11 (B) [~~(2)~~] is located on the international
12 border; and

13 (C) [~~(3)~~] before September 1, 2009, had a county
14 ethics board appointed by the commissioners court; and

15 (2) a county that:

16 (A) has a population of 425,000 or more;

17 (B) is adjacent to a county with a population of
18 3.3 million or more; and

19 (C) contains a portion of the San Jacinto River.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.